

**PROPOSAL 5**

**5 AAC 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for muskoxen.**

Extend the hunting season for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island as follows.

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(1)		
Unit 18, Nunivak Island		
1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 110 permits may be issued; or I muskox by registration Permit only	<b><u>Aug 1.</u></b> [SEPT. 1] – Sept. 30	<b><u>Aug 1.</u></b> [SEPT. 1] – Sept. 30
	<b><u>Jan. 15</u></b> [FEB. 1]-March <b><u>31</u></b> [15]	<b><u>Jan. 15</u></b> [FEB 1]-March <b><u>31</u></b> [15]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why??**

Extend the season for muskox on Nunivak Island. The population on Nunivak is over the management goal and the Department of Fish and Game needs to issue more permits to reduce the population. Almost all hunters on Nunivak Island use either a guide or transporter to hunt muskox. A longer season will increase the opportunity for hunters to use the limited commercial services on the Island. Transporters on Nunivak Island have reported being unable to meet hunter demand for transportation services with recent increases in permit availability and due to high demand during inconsistent weather windows that allow travel to the island.

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